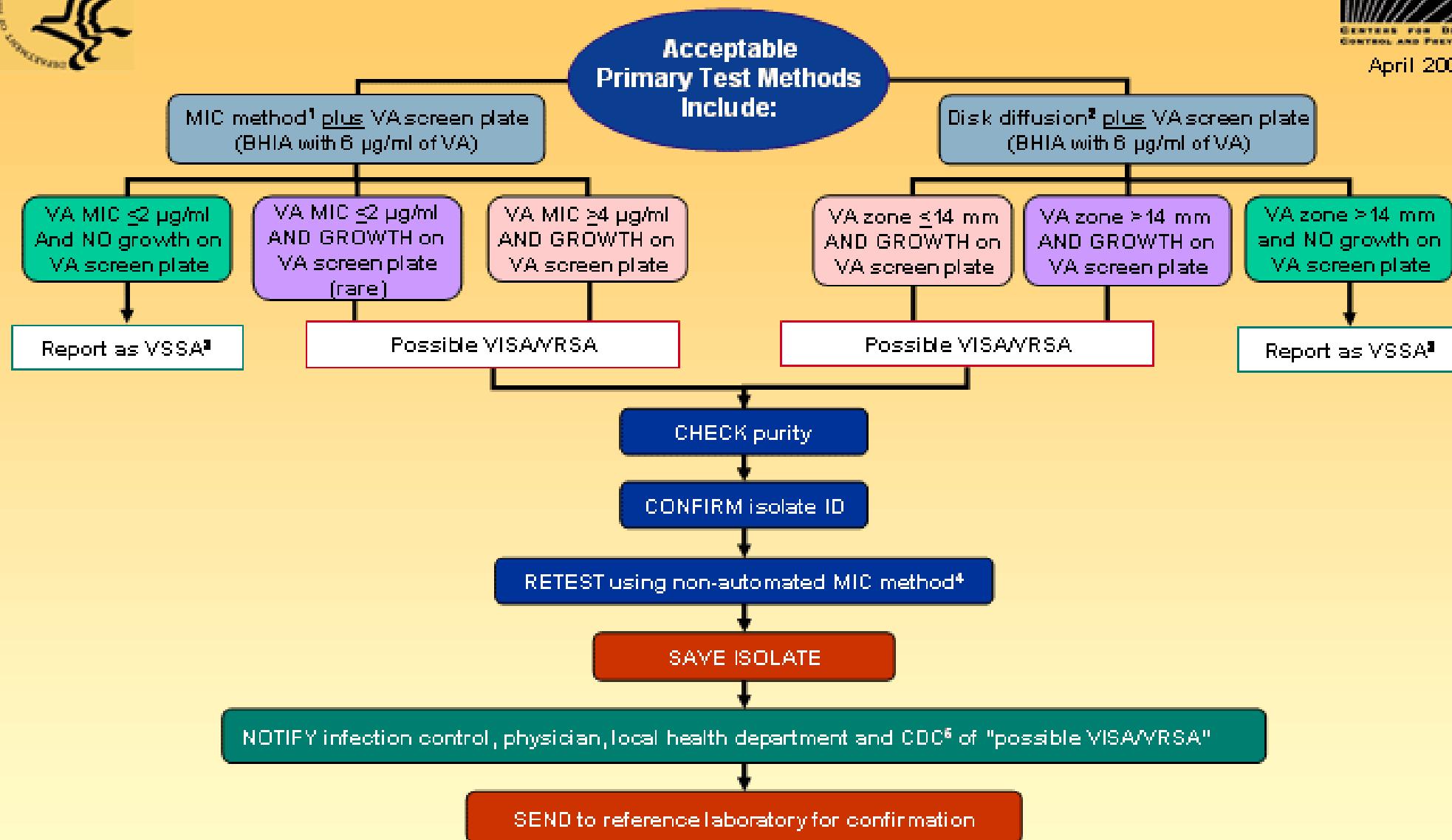




Algorithm for Testing *S. aureus* with Vancomycin (VA)



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Important Footnotes

¹ Laboratories using automated susceptibility test methods should add a commercial vancomycin agar screen plate.

² Disk diffusion alone is not sufficient to detect VISA.

³ If a laboratory is concerned about a result based on a patient's history, MIC testing can be performed at CDC.

⁴ Non-automated methods: reference broth microdilution, agar dilution, agar gradient diffusion (Etest; use a 0.5 McFarland inoculum and Mueller-Hinton agar).

⁵ Report to CDC by email: SEARCH@cdc.gov